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JGFDS-PR-250-1 NICHOLSON COMMUNITY CENTER RE-OPENS

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FOR RELEASE TO LOCAL MEDIA RE-OPENING OF NICHOLSON COMMUNITY CENTER

SAN BERNARDINO – The County of San Bernardino Preschool Services and San Bernardino City Parks and Recreation Department are partnering to re-open the Nicholson Community Center.

The center is located at 2750 West 2nd Street in San Bernardino and had been closed due to city budget issues. County Preschool Services will utilize Head Start funding to re-open the center bringing in local community based originzations to offer resources to the surrounding community. Parks and Recreation programming will return to the Nicholson Center along with a multitude of services and information including rental assistance, food, shelter, and medical/dental assistance.

Preschool Services plans to establish new programming such as ESL, GED, financial literacy, and family literacy. On site job training to be offered includes food services, custodial, clerical, and teacher's aide programming.

San Bernardino City Parks and Recreation will re-establish twentynine after-school programs and weekend activities for children and their families. This new partnership is currently meeting with a regional community organization to fully repair the baseball field and basketball court that is in need of repair with a goal of sponsoring a youth sports program. A groundbreaking announcement will be released shortly.

5th District Supervisor Josie Gonzales is also the Chair of the San Bernardino First 5 Commission. She strongly advocates for the needs of children and their families throughout the county. This reopening is an exciting collaborative opportunity, highlighting the joint use of a community center to further serve the needs of 5th District residents.

The Fifth District includes the unincorporated areas of Bloomington, Muscoy, North Norton, El Rancho Verde, and Arrowhead Suburban Farms, the City of Rialto, major portions of the cities of Colton and San Bernardino, and the eastern portion of the City of Fontana.

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